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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Peter BAETS et al.

Group Art Unit: 1753

Application No.: 10/693,922

Examiner: A. PHASGE

Filed: October 28, 2003

Docket No.: 117622

For: METHOD OF SEPARATING MULTIVALENT IONS AND LACTATE IONS FROM  
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the October 20, 2005, Office Action, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and

**Remarks.**